

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

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Mission and Key Goals

MDARD's Mission

Assure the food safety, agricultural, environmental and economic interests of the people of the State of Michigan are met through service, partnership, and collaboration.

Four Key Goals



Food Safety, Human and Animal Health



Environmental Sustainability



Economic Development



Efficient Effective Government

MDARD in Context

STAFF

50% Hybrid Office Based

Includes:

- Veterinarians
- Sanitarians
- Metrologists
- Entomologists
- Epidemiologists
- Accountants
- Engineers
- Statisticians
- IT Experts

PROGRAMS

> 90 Programs

Includes:

- Environmental Sustainability
- Consumer Protection
- Public Health
- Economic Development
- Grants
- Communications
- Education

DIVISIONS

6 Divisions

Includes:

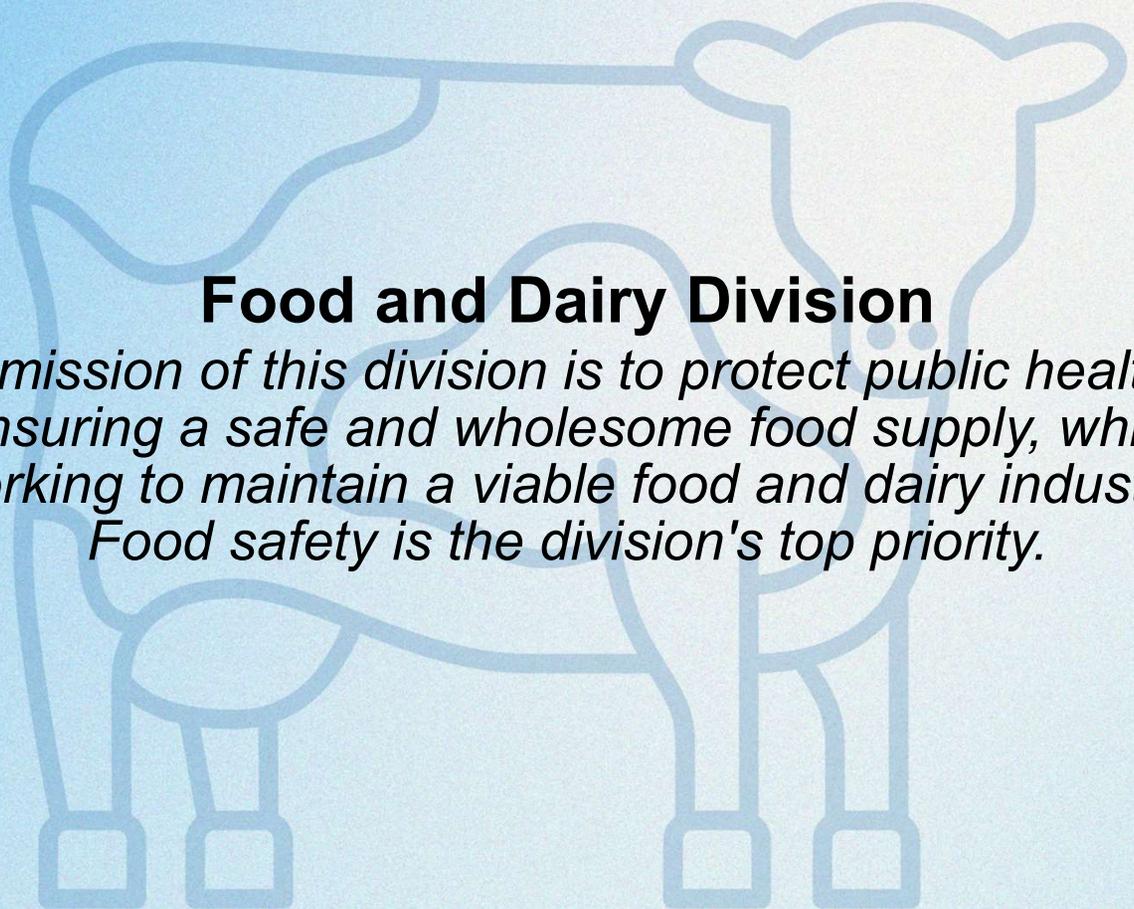
- Agriculture Development
- Animal Industry
- Environmental Stewardship
- Food & Dairy
- Laboratory
- Pesticide & Plant Pest Management



Office of Rural Development

“To better serve rural communities, state government must recognize rural Michigan's unique challenges and opportunities. The creation of an Office of Rural Development will facilitate the state's efforts to build a more prosperous rural economy and richer rural communities.”

-Governor Gretchen Whitmer



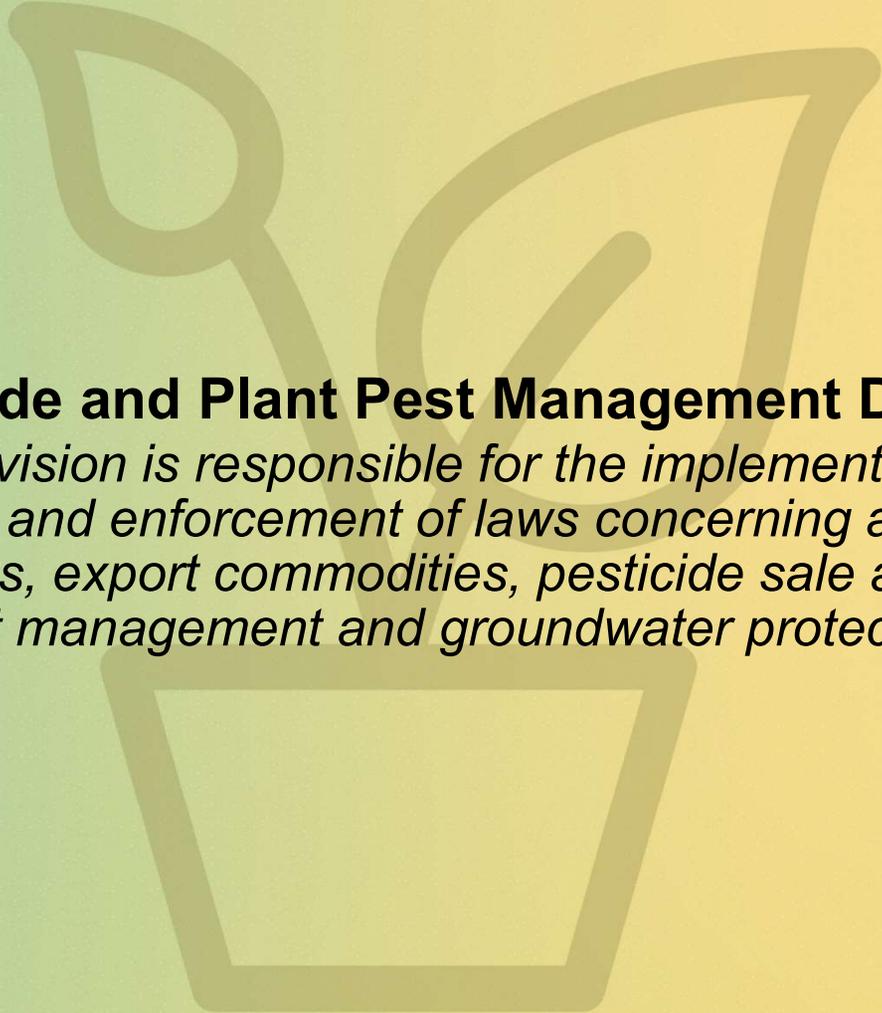
Food and Dairy Division

The mission of this division is to protect public health by ensuring a safe and wholesome food supply, while working to maintain a viable food and dairy industry. Food safety is the division's top priority.

Animal Industry Division

This division protects the public's health and the health of domestic animals, livestock and pets.

The State Veterinarian is responsible for overall livestock and poultry disease programs and toxic substance contamination concerns as they relate to animal health.



Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division

This division is responsible for the implementation of programs and enforcement of laws concerning agricultural products, export commodities, pesticide sale and use, pest management and groundwater protection.



Laboratory Division

This division helps safeguard consumers every day - whether it be at the gas pump or ensuring our food is pathogen free.

The Lab tests for various food and feed pathogens, provides diagnostic testing, ensures the quality and quantity of gas being sold, prevents economic fraud by looking for credit card skimmers, and ensures packages contain the amount of product they claim.

Environmental Stewardship Division

This division provides assistance to soil and water conservation districts, drain commissioners and land users in the conservation and development of our soil and water resources.

Programs administered by the division encourage the installation and management of sustainable resource protection practices at the local level.



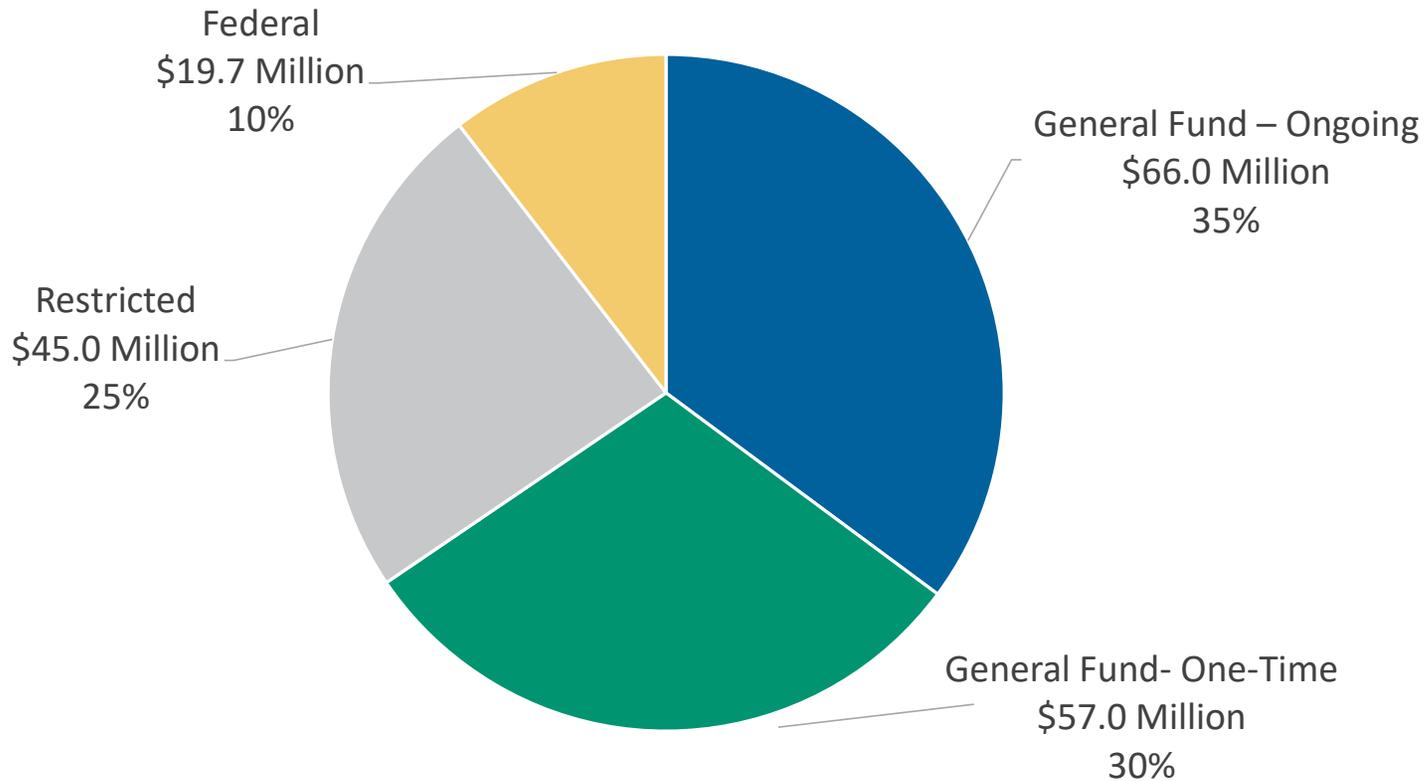
Agriculture Development Division

This division delivers expertise and leadership to support growth of Michigan's food, agriculture and forest product industries and communities.

2022 Accomplishments



2023 Enacted Budget



Source: PA 166 of 2022

Total: \$187.7 Million



Thank you!

